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### ***1001 Lights* at the Museum of Jewish Montréal**

**Montréal, Canada** – The dance film installation *1001 Lights* by filmmakers Philip Szporer and Marlene Millar of Mouvement Perpétuel is illuminating the windows of the Museum of Jewish Montréal every evening starting just before sundown at the corner of Saint-Laurent Blvd. and Duluth from January 28 to April 15 2018.

This is the first time that the installation is accessible to the Montréal public, following exhibitions in Finland, Ireland, and China. *1001 Lights* documents the Sabbath candle-lighting ceremonies of 100 participants, in Montréal, and a tender dance of hand-gestures choreographed by Ami Shulman and performed with five dancers. Part of the Rituals/Fragments exhibit at the Museum of Jewish Montreal, the installation is projected in an intimate space, so viewers are enveloped by flickering light, meditative movement, and the sound of whispered prayers and striking matches. The 15-minute film loops continuously inviting viewers to stay as long as they please in a space where time is altered and slows down.

The Museum of Jewish Montreal, founded in 2010, is dedicated to collecting and sharing the history and present day experiences of the Jewish community in the city. Its exhibition, Rituals/Fragments, invites the public into a contemplative personal ritual, and a living memory that is shared by millions of Jews around the world. Szporer explains, “The inspiration for this work comes from recollections of my mother’s partaking in this ritual every Friday evening. The moment was, for me, filled with mystery and calm. It appeared deeply transcendent, linking past, present and future.”

*1001 Lights* was created thanks to the support of the Canada Council for the Arts and the Concordia University Part-Time Faculty Association Professional Development Fund.

For more information about Mouvement Perpétuel and *1001 Lights*, please visit our website:

[mouvementperpetuel.net](http://mouvementperpetuel.net)

## Images of *1001 Lights* at the Museum of Jewish Montreal

### Presse

Philip et Marlene avec BT Television:

<http://www.btmontreal.ca/videos/1001-lights-transforms-st-laurent-and-duluth/>

Montreal Gazette:

<http://montrealgazette.com/news/1001-lights-offers-personal-look-inside-sabbath-candle-lighting-ritual>

<http://montrealgazette.com/news/local-news/a-dinner-called-ignite-tradition-and-other-ways-to-shine-for-womens-day>

Canadian Jewish News:

<http://www.cjnews.com/living-jewish/tranquillity-shabbat-comes-streets>

The Fridge Door Gallery:

<http://www.thefridgedoorgallery.com/blog/1001-lights-a-collective-exhibit-of-solitary-reflection>

### Photos

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*1001 Lights* at the Museum of Jewish Montreal

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Philip Szporer and Marlene Millar at the vernissage of the Museum of Jewish Montreal exhibition

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